

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

JOSHUA GIBBONS,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

CITY OF KINGSPORT, et al.,

*Defendants.*

No. 2:23-cv-00138-TAV-CRW

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

In accordance with this Court's Order (ECF. No. 25) of February 1, 2024, staying this action pending resolution of the related criminal case against Plaintiff Joshua Gibbons, Plaintiff Gibbons and Defendants City of Kingsport, Dale Phipps, Jason Bellamy, Sean Chambers, Martin Taylor, Darell Johnson, Robert Mills, and Daniel Horne (the "Parties") submit this status report on the related criminal case in Sullivan County Circuit Court.

The Court granted the Parties' motion to stay this civil case because, among other things, (1) the pending criminal case arose from the same alleged conduct, (2) dismissal would unduly prejudice Plaintiff Gibbons, and (3) a stay promoted judicial economy. Order at 2–3. The Court Order required the parties to submit a joint status report every ninety days regarding the status of the criminal case. *Id.* at 3.

The criminal case against Plaintiff Gibbons is ongoing. On March 8, 2024, the Sullivan County Circuit Court rescheduled the hearing on Plaintiff Gibbons' motion to dismiss the related criminal case against him to June 24, 2024.

As ordered, the Parties will submit a joint status report in ninety days and will notify the Court within fourteen days of the resolution of the criminal case. *See id.* at 3.

Dated: May 1, 2024

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and exact copy of the forgoing Joint Status Report has been served upon the counsel for the parties in interest herein by operation of the court's electronic case filing system:

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